



# **KALAMAZOO CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Undeniably Christian. Academically Excellent.

## **Mission Statement**

Kalamazoo Christian Schools is an academically excellent Christian community equipping, inspiring, and challenging students to love and serve Christ in the world.

## **Vision Statement**

To be disciples who transform the world.

## **MULTICULTURAL, MULTIRACIAL PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT**

Kalamazoo Christian Schools (KCS) is committed to inspiring, challenging, and equipping our school community to live out the words of Micah 6:8: Acting justly, loving kindness, and walking humbly. As an expression of Christian obedience and global citizenship, Kalamazoo Christian Schools is committed to welcoming and embodying a representation of God's kingdom that is multiracial and multicultural.

Cultural and societal tension and inequity rooted in racial and cultural differences is a result of humankind's fall into sin. God's vision for the world is to reverse the curse of sin and to see all people reconciled to Him and to each other. The act of reconciling involves making changes—in ourselves and in our relationships—which bring about harmony and fellowship after a state of brokenness or dysfunction. Because we have received God's love, grace, mercy, and peace through Christ's reconciliatory act on the cross, we as a Christian community are called to reflect Christ's image by repairing the brokenness in the world. Since we have been reconciled to God, we should seek to be reconciled with others.

KCS has experienced and continues to experience ongoing transformation, in that God is always at work within and among His people, conforming them ever more to His image. As such, Kalamazoo Christian School commits to a welcoming, respectful, and loving place for all people regardless of their race and ethnicity or cultural and national backgrounds.

Foundational Scripture for a multicultural and multiracial community:

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Isaiah 56:1-2

This is what the Lord says: Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. Blessed is the one who does this—the person who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps their hands from doing any evil.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 17:26

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 6:17-18

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Phil. 1:9-11

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

1 Peter 2:17

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

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